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# GRIZZLIES TRAVEL TO BOZEMAN FOR FINAL BIG SKY GAME OF 1979

## THE GAME:

The University of Montana football team will play its final Big Sky Conference game of 1979, traveling to Bozeman, Mont., to play rival Montana State.

## KICKOFF:

The game at 15,100-seat Reno H. Sales Stadium begins at 1:30 p.m. It has been sold out for more than two weeks.

## RADIO:

Bill Schwanke, the voice of the Grizzlies, will begin his station's broadcast of the game at 1 p.m. on KYLT-AM (1340). Bob Lee does the color commentary for KYLT. KUFM of UM will also carry the game live.

## THE RECORDS, OPPONENTS:

GRIZ	UM(2-5,2-4 BSC)	OPP.	MSU	STATE(5-3,5-1)	OPP
14	@ Washington St.	34	16	U of N. DAKOTA	20
13	@ N. Arizona	26	20	FRESNO STATE	22
23	WEBER STATE*	16	31	@ Idaho State*	14
35	BOISE STATE*	37	0	@ Boise State*	14
28	IDAHO STATE*	24	40	WEBER STATE*	21
17	@ Idaho*	20	12	@ Reno*	10
	@ Montana State*		28	IDAHO*	20
	@ N. Colorado			MONTANA*	
	PORTLAND ST.			@ N. Dakota St.	

\*Big Sky game

## SCHOOL COMPARISONS:

	<u>MONTANA</u>	<u>MONTANA STATE</u>
Enrollment:	8,300	10,00
Colors:	copper/silver/gold	blue/gold
1978 Record:	5-6 (4-2 BSC)	8-2, 4-2
Basic Offense:	Pro	Pro
Basic Defense:	4-3	5-2
Points Per Game:	21.4	19.6
Defensive PPG:	26.3	16.0
Average Offense:	279.6	267.6
Average Defense:	394.3	347.8
Pass Offense:	160.3	100.6
Pass Defense:	165.6	123.5
Rush Offense:	119.0	167.0
Rush Defense:	228.7	224.0

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THE COACHES: Grizzly coach Gene Carlson is in his fourth season and 15-23. Bobcat coach Sonny Lubick is 13-5, and in his second year.

THE SERIES: UM leads the series 46-25. This is the 79th meeting of the schools. There have been five ties.

LAST YEAR: Last season the Grizzlies won 24-8. It was the first time in the teams' last seven meetings UM has won the rivalry.

Rocky Klever, running and throwing out of the "flex shotgun" formation, was the key player for the Grizzlies. The 6-3, 215-pound junior was 1 of 2 passing for 10 yards and a TD. He also ran for 111 yards on 19 carries. He missed last week's game with Reno, but is expected to start this week.

The top players for MSU were Delmar Jones (106 yards rushing) and QB Paul Dennehy (191 yards passing). Both players have graduated.

LAST WEEK: The Grizzlies lost another tough one, 27-20 to visiting Reno. QB Bob Boyes was 11 of 25 for 150 yards, and ran for 58 yards. Doug Egbert paced the UM rushing attack with 51 yards on 10 carries. Allen Green grabbed 5 passes for 82 yards.

MSU is on top in the Big Sky with a 28-20 victory over Idaho. Fullback Mark Doerfler rushed for 132 yards and a TD to lead the Bobcats.

OTHER SCORES: Boise State 23, Weber State 7; N. Arizona 16, N. Colorado 7.

THE STANDINGS:	Conference	All Games
Boise State*	5-0	7-1
Montana State	5-1	5-3
Reno	3-1	5-2
NAU	3-2	6-2
Idaho	2-3	4-4
MONTANA	2-4	2-5
Weber State	1-4	1-7
Idaho State	0-6	0-7

\*Not eligible for Big Sky title

THIS WEEK: UM at MSU; NAU at BSU; Reno at Idaho; Weber State at ISU.

INJURY REPORT: Center Guy Bingham and tailback Rocky Klever, who did not play last week (Bingham did handle snaps on specialty teams), should start this Saturday. Tailback Bobby Cerkovnik, who was removed last week with an injury, is also reportedly OK. Defensive player Mike Carroll broke his leg in the opening play of last week's game, and will be out for the remainder of the season.

TOP GRIZZLIES: QB Boyes has now moved to No. 2 in single-season passing with 1102 yards. He is 4th in career passing with 1,612. He has set three single-game passing records thus far this season. Receiver Jim Hard, who had only one reception for 21 yards last week, should still rank in the top five nationally. He has 31 catches for 511 yards, and ranks 4th in career and 5th in single-season UM rankings.

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TOP GRIZZLIES:  
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Klever, who has scored seven TDs in six games, has rushed for 456 yards on 104 carries. Doug Egbert has 231 yards on 59 attempts.

Defensively, Sam Martin has 74 tackles to lead the linemen; Kent Clausen has 108 to lead the linebackers; and Greg Dunn has 70 to lead the defensive backs.

TOP BOBCATS:

Doerfler, who was the co-Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week along with Reno's Larry Worman, has 449 yards rushing and 6 TDs. QB Barry Sullivan, a 6-0, 166-pound freshman from Butte, is 46 of 92 for 646 yards and 5 TDs. He is the younger brother of UM wide receiver Pat Sullivan, himself a quarterback in high school.

Receivers Mark McGrath and Butch Damberger have 236 and 277 yards, respectively on 15 catches. Both have scored twice. McGrath is one of the top return men in the nation.

Top defensive players are Jack Muhlbeier (116 tackles); Les Sherrill (59 and 6 sacks); and Dodds, who has 61 tackles, three forced fumbles, two sacks and five interceptions (leading the BSC in interceptions).

CARLSON ON MSU:

"Montana State is a continually improving team, which is probably playing better now than earlier in the season. Being on the top of the conference, plus playing at home this week, has to be an advantage. We regard the Grizzly-Bobcat game as the biggest of the year."

LUBICK ON UM:

"This game means a great deal to us because of the rivalry between the two schools, and the Big Sky Conference Championship is on the line for us. Records are useless in this great matchup."

TRAVEL PLANS:

The Grizzlies will arrive in Bozeman at approximately 4 p.m. Friday and will stay at the Holiday Inn. They will depart for Missoula immediately after the game.

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